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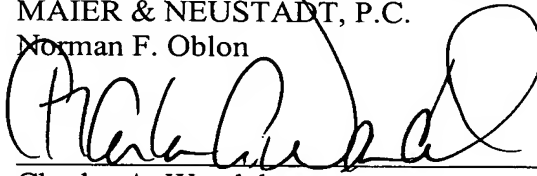
The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple claim dependencies and to use more conventional U.S. patent terminology.

An early examination of Claims 1-15 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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